

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/757,813	KOMATA, NOBUHIRO	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Alex P. Rada	3714	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to January 11, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 16-36.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 1/10/2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

In response to the amendment filed January 11, 2005 in which the applicant previously canceled claims 1-15, amend claims 19, 22-29, 33, and 36, and claims 16-36 are pending in this application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas J. Bean Reg. No. 44,528 on April 18, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Pleas delete in claim 17, the phrase "using a computer" between the words of and of, and insert the phrase --executing a game program-- between the words of and of in line one.

Pleas delete in claim 18, the phrase "using a computer" between the words of and of, and insert the phrase --executing a game program-- between the words of and of in line one.

Pleas delete in claim 19, the phrase "using a computer" between the words of and of, and insert the phrase --executing a game program-- between the words of and of in line one.

Pleas delete in claim 20, the phrase "using a computer" between the words of and of, and insert the phrase --executing a game program-- between the words of and of in line one.

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Pleas delete in claim 21, the phrase "using a computer" between the words of and of, and insert the phrase --executing a game program-- between the words of and of in line one.

Pleas delete in claim 22, the phrase "using a computer" between the words of and of, and insert the phrase --executing a game program-- between the words of and of in line one.

The changes noted above were authorized by Applicant's representative to clear up some minor 112 issues and to place the case in condition for allowance.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior does not disclose nor teach according to claims 16, 23, and 30 retrieving a table to determine processing to be executed depending on both the pattern of changes in the pressure-sensing value of a pushing pressure of a player on the controller and a scene of the game program that is performed when the controller is operated and performing the processing to be executed in combination with the rest of the claimed limitations. The closest prior art Walker disclose the style or emotional content of a character's movement is determined from gross accelerometer movements and not a table being retrieved that indicates a game processing feature to be executed (i.e., character emotion to be determined) both as a function of a pattern of changes in the pushing pressure of the pressure sensitive device and characteristics of the scene of the game that is being currently performed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alex P. Rada whose telephone number is 571-272-4452. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 08:00-16:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's acting supervisor, Jessica Harrison can be reached on 571-272-4449. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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